

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020



Lent is a time of prayer and penance. What could we be doing for Lent? The Church invites us to prepare for Easter by doing penance, reading God's word more carefully, praying more ardently, and by giving of ourselves to the service of God's people. Sometimes prayer can be frustrating because you don't know the right words to say, but remember, prayer is not about the words you say, and it doesn't have to be traditional prayers. It's about what's in your heart.

St. Joseph Church, 399 Victoria Ave, Belleville, is hosting **World Day of Prayer for 2020 on Friday, March 6th at 2pm** in the parish centre. Everyone is welcome to come out and join with other churches in praying for the country of Zimbabwe. This is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer. Through *World Day of Prayer*, we affirm faith in Jesus Christ and engage with the whole world, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world.

Offertory: Feb 23rd - \$5269.50
Thank you to all who have contributed.

Pray the Rosary during Lent - before our daily morning Mass beginning Ash Wednesday at 7:35am; Saturdays at 8:35am.



Upcoming Meetings & Events in the Parish Centre:

- RCIA:** Every Wednesday, 7pm
- Social Justice Meeting:** Monday, March 2nd, 7pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3rd, 8:30am
- World Day of Prayer:** Friday, March 6th, 2pm
- Knights of Columbus:** Tuesday, March 10th, 7pm
- Parish Fish Fry:** Tuesday, March 17th, 5:30pm
- St. Joseph Day Reception:** Thurs, March 19th, after 8am Mass
- Euchre & Board Games:** Sunday, March 22nd, 2 to 4pm
- Faith Enrichment Video Series:** Begins March 23rd, 7 - 8pm
- Hospitality Sunday:** March 29th, after all Sunday Masses



Share Lent 2020 - This Lent, let's stand in solidarity with the defenders of the Earth. This year, Development and Peace -

Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation. **You will find a Mini-magazine** in today's bulletin where you can read about how our partners in the Amazon regions of Brazil and Peru support people and communities whose lands are exploited or threatened.



SAVE THE DATE!! Our Lenten "Fish Fry" is **Tuesday, March 17th**, at 5:30pm in the parish centre, featuring *Mike Mundell's Fish & Chips*, with desserts & beverage included. Adults \$15; children under 10 - \$7; 6 yrs. & under - Free. Tickets available at the parish office or after the weekend Masses March 7/8th & 14/15th.

Regarding Weekday Mass Requests: From time to time people request a specific date to have a weekday Mass offered for a special intention or for a deceased loved one. Most times we are able to accommodate those requests, but, please note, they are not always guaranteed. Occasionally, not often, I have a need to change my schedule. When that happens, a particular Mass you requested may have to be rescheduled to a different date. But, again, we do our best to please! *Thank you, Father Charles*



CWL News: The following members have accepted **Executive positions for the term 2020 - 2022** - Past President: Bert Miller; Recording Secretary: Robin O'Connor; Corresponding Secretary: Rosemary Macaulay & Judy McNeil; Treasurer: Maria Watts; Chairpersons of Standing Committees: Spiritual - Maria Watts and helpers; Community Life - Jan Sosiak; Communications - Bert Miller; Resolutions & Legislation - Jan Sosiak will report; Membership - Maria Watts. The positions of President and other Chairpersons are not filled yet and therefore will remain open to nominations or volunteers. Please give these positions your consideration. Our sincere appreciation and congratulations to those who accepted. Be sure to watch the bulletin for the date and time of the installation of officers and of our next meeting.

The CWL Kingston Diocesan Council presents a "Day of Reflection" **Sat, March 28**. Facilitator is Sister Lucy Bethel, SP - 9:30am - 2:30pm, Providence Spirituality Centre, 1200 Princess St, Kingston. \$20 (includes lunch) Reg & payment due March 9th. Contact Jean Mulvihill jean.mulvihill@bell.net, (613)545-9777. Limited space - reserve your spot today!

MEDJUGORJE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL PILGRIMAGE ~ July 28th - Aug. 5th. Join young adults and families from around the world in this incredible faith experience. Under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Francis Zambon, of Holy Name of Mary Parish, Marysville & supported by tour coordinator Karen Shannon, the pilgrimage group departs **from Toronto July 28th**. Three options available for pilgrims aged 18 & over. Flights, two meals daily, accommodation, local guide & more included in all three pilgrimages: **July 28th - Aug. 5th (9 days):** \$2595.00 (all taxes incl); **July 28th - Aug. 7th (11 days):** \$2695.00 (all taxes incl); **July 28th - Aug. 10th (14 days):** \$2795.00 (all taxes incl). For full program/more info, contact Karen Shannon: 613-962-4807/ email: 1perpetualpilgrim@gmail.com or visit: www.maryspilgrims.com

Lift Jesus Higher Rally in Toronto on March 7, 2020 - There will be a bus coming from St Mary's Cathedral in Kingston and picking people up in Belleville at Walmart. For more details and to reserve your seat email Ann Lyng at alyng@cogeco.ca

2020 Sacrament Dates at St. Joseph Church
First Confession: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7pm
First Communion: Saturday, May 23, 2020, at 11am
Confirmation: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7pm



St. Joseph Parish Sock Drive for the Homeless!! Please consider donating new socks which will be given directly to the **NOT ALONE Advocacy Group** and distributed locally to the homeless community. There are boxes at each door to receive your donations.

ST. PATRICK'S STEW DINNER AND IRISH ENTERTAINMENT ~ Tues., Mar. 17th, 6 pm. This annual event of the parish community in the middle of Lent honours our many Irish connections, especially the Irish priests who were the first pastors of this parish (and by the way, it just happens to be Father Richard Patrick Whalen's birthday). Join the fun at **St. Michael's the Archangel Church** Parish Centre, 296 Church St, Belleville. **Adults: \$13; 6-12: \$6; Under 6: Free.**



✠ **Remember in Prayer:** All who are ill, including Bill Drenth, Kathy Mulder, Danny Coughlin, Marvin Yantha, Susan Lake, Catharine Brennan, Cory McMurter, Jeanette McBride, Bridget Clancy, Donna Bertrand, Jean Haslam, Lillian Bibby, Dick Lynch and Gene Sherman. Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Williams.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul <https://www.ssvp.ca> is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

Parish Events:

Liturgy of the Word with Children Sundays at 9am Mass during the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for children between the ages of 3 & 7 to participate in a deeper understanding of the Gospel message. The goal of this program is to engage and enlighten children in the teachings of the Church. The children are led in prayer, liturgy of the day and crafts/activities to emphasize the Gospel message. They also learn to participate in the Mass. We look forward to helping your children celebrate God's love at Mass. We are always looking for volunteers to support our weekly program. If you would like to help, contact Lise (613)966-6973 or call the parish office.

Thank you for continuing to bring food items to Mass for Gleaner's Food Bank. Please keep making food donations to Gleaners each week because many families are counting on our parish to help feed them. Remember Jesus' words from Matthew's Gospel: "*I was hungry and you fed me.*"

Everyone is invited to pray the **Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**. Every Wednesday after 8am Mass, at St. Joseph Church. For more information contact Cheryl, (613)962-4916.

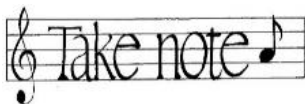


Statue of Mary: Mary would like to visit your home for a week through a special statue. Call Suja at 613-962-0225.



Parish Directory: Four generous parishioners signed up to help with this project in spring of 2020. We still need more volunteers to share duties. Call the parish office if you can help to make our new Photo Directory a reality.

Our **Prayer Network** has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like the Prayer Network to pray for you or your loved one, call the parish office to get the prayers started.



St. Joseph JUNIOR CHOIR - Boys and girls, aged 7 and up are welcome to join. We will sing about once a month at 9am Mass and practice once a week, Sundays at 6:30pm in the church. Please speak to Lynette at Mass or call the parish office if your child is interested, or just come out to a practice and see what we do!

Events in and around the Diocese:

Eight Doors to the Kingdom Parish Mission - February 29th - March 3rd. The great French spiritual master, Father Jacques Philippe is coming to **St. Mary's Cathedral**, (279 Johnson Street, Kingston). He will preach at all the Sunday Masses the First Sunday of Lent, (5pm Feb 29, 8am, 10:30am & 7pm March 1) and will lead a Parish Mission on the Eight Beatitudes at 7pm, Mar 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Father Jacques Phillippe will be giving two talks to the priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston on Tue, Mar 2nd. For further information contact stmaryscathedral.ca or Ann Lyng alyng@cogeco.net or Father Shawn Hughes at fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com

Cursillo Weekend for Men, Kingston - Thursday evening, March 12th through to Sunday, March 15th, 2020 incl, Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. For more information, please contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588; ryanlionel07@gmail.com or Father Shawn J. Hughes at 613.546.5521 Ext. 4; fathershawnjhughes@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation Course: Reminder - The next course will be held on **Friday & Saturday, March 27 & 28, 2020** at Holy Rosary Church, Belleville. To register, please contact St. Joseph parish office. Completed forms and fee must be received at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, P.O. Box 339, Frankford, On, K0K 2C0 by **March 13, 2020**. A Marriage Preparation Course is required **for all couples planning to be married in the Archdiocese of Kingston**.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Frankford, is having a **Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction** on **Wednesday, April 1st** at The Dugout Grill, 514 Dundas St E, Belleville from 6pm to 9pm. 5:30pm - view silent auction items, 6pm Roast Beef Buffet & dessert table (free-will offering for desserts) and from 8 to 8:30pm Silent Auction. Tickets: \$30 available at St. Francis of Assisi Parish office, (613)398-6745 or Joanne Belanger, (613)921-0560.



LEGION OF MARY - If you are interested in starting a Legion of Mary at your church, or you know someone who would like to join us, please contact Cheryl Power, Legion of Mary Curia President at yourhomecaregiver@gmail.com or 613-929-0777.

DUC IN ALTUM - For Catholic young adults in their 20s & 30s! A journey that leads you to discern fully and freely God's amazing dream for you! - 2019 - 2020, Diocesan Centre, 390 Palace Rd, Kingston. Session dates - Oct 18 - 20, Nov 23, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Nov 23, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, May 29-31. Contact Nadia at the Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office, youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call (613)484-2446 www.kingstonvocations.com/duc-in-altum



FAITH on FIRE Prayer Group – You are warmly welcomed to join **weekly** evenings of Praise and Worship, Prayer, and Fellowship at **St. Paul the Apostle (Room D – street side entrance)** on **Wednesdays from 7- 9pm** beginning **Wed. Sep 18**. Step into the “current of grace” and discover what it means to be fully alive and how to use your charisms to build up the Church! For more information contact us at faithonfirekingston@gmail.com



THAT MAN IS YOU ~ Men's Fellowship Friday mornings, **6am**, **St. Michael's parish centre** All men are invited to join them for breakfast, presentation and small sharing groups. **All men welcome! JOIN ANYTIME!!!** For more info, call John Kavanaugh: 613-661-4852 or

johnkavanaugh140@gmail.com.

Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp! Registration Open! - Our Archdiocesan Summer Camp **Totus Tuus** (*Latin for Totally Yours*) is happening this July! A faith-based week-long camp that includes fun activities, skits, sports, crafts, music and outdoor play! Day camp for children (Gr. 1-6), runs Monday-Friday from 9am – 2:30pm. (\$100 for the week). With an option of extended daycare till 4pm. An engaging evening camp for teens (Gr. 7-12) runs Sunday-Thursday from 7–9pm. (\$25 for the week). The camp will be offered in various locations across the archdiocese during the month of July. For more info on the camp nearest you and to register visit www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/totustuus Financial contributions to help sponsor children to attend camp are welcome. Any questions, please contact Nadia Gundert at 613-484-2446.

QuintCY (Quinte Catholic Youth) ~ Calling all Quinte Catholic Youth to Youth Group in the Cave! (Downstairs at St. Michael's Church) Sundays, monthly, 6:30-8:30. For TEENS. Bring your friends! (First Sunday each month).



Do you want to deepen your Spirituality and build community with others committed to serving with compassion? The Providence Associates of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul meet monthly at **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary** parish in Belleville. They invite women and men to consider attending one of their meetings to learn more about who they are. For information, email associates@providence.ca or call 613-544-4525 ext. 148.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel - For 20 years, at the Adoration Chapel in the Parish Centre of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, faithful Catholics from across the city parishes have been adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of His Love. All parishes are invited to spend time with our Lord in adoration whenever you wish as the chapel is open 24 hours. Please contact: Fr. Richard Whalen (613-962-4634); Agnes Sheridan (613-962-3280); Rosemary Buxton (613-813-3609).

Community Events:


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - Tuesday March 3, 2020 at the Belleville Public Library, 254 Pinnacle Street, Belleville. Gather at 4:25pm at the library. We will march downtown to celebrate women. Use our placards or your own message. The march will be followed by refreshments and at 5:30pm speaker Kelly Franklin will discuss human trafficking (a problem on the 401 corridor between Windsor and Montreal) and her advocacy work. The event is free and all are welcome. For more info call Kristin @ 613 242 6524 or Mieke @ 613 969 1782. #EachforEqual.

Sidney Westminster United Church, 1199 Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd, Belleville (613)968-4304 - **Breakfast & Bake Sale, Saturday, March 7th, 2020** from 8:30 to 11am. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$10; Children 6-8 \$6; Under 6 Free.

Benefit Concert - Sidney Westminster United Church and Ponderosa Farms present **Nostalgic Songs from the Emerald Isle Sounds of Ireland: Julian Gallo & Lenni Stewart**. Special guest “Miss Nora” accompaniment by Colleen Galway, flute & Tom Dietzel, piano. **Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at 2pm**. Tickets \$15 per person available at door or reserve with: W Warren (905)243-3905; S Johnston (613)962-0765; Westminster UC (613)968-4304. 1199 Wallbridge-Loyalist Road, Belleville.

Sunday, March 15th at 4:30 PM, at St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Belleville, cellist Dominique Beauséjour-Ostiguy will present two beloved solo cello suites by Johann Sebastian Bach, and will be joined by organists Matthieu Latreille and Francine Nguyen-Savaria to present romantic works for cello and organ. A laureate of the prestigious “Prix d'Europe” competition and the recipient of the prize the competition is named after - Beauséjour-Ostiguy was recognized as one of the “30 Hot Canadian Classical Musicians under 30” of CBC Music in 2018. He is also a founding member of the Andara Quartet, “Trio de l'Île” and joined the well-known “Trio Hochelaga.” He plays on a David Tecchler cello dated 1704, with a Pierre Simon bow dated 1855. Admission by donation.

March 21, bring the family to be part of "**Recorders on the Run**", with young professional musicians from Jeunesses Musicales Canada. The morning interactive performance is at 11:00 AM, and geared to 3-5 year-olds. At 1:30 PM, bring your 6-12 year olds. Four accomplished flutists train for the "music" olympics, demonstrating various types of recorders with a variety of music including baroque, contemporary and popular tunes. Concerts are in the John M Parrott Gallery at the **Belleville Public Library** and tickets, at only \$5.00, are available at the Children's Services Desk at the library, or online at cfuwbelleville.com (online payments). A great way to wrap up March Break! Generously supported by Belleville Community Arts and Culture Grant Fund and many others.

 **National Christian Youth Summit** “Young Christians Who Love Canada” *Save the Date!* The Summit will be taking place from **May 6th-8th, 2020** alongside the **55th National Prayer Breakfast of Canada and 50th Annual Leadership Dinner**. This is an opportunity for young people to discover what it means to be both a Christian and a Canadian. More info at www.ncyscanada.ca If you are between 15 & 30 we hope you can join us this May in Ottawa.

Interlink celebrates its 22nd Anniversary with the 2019-20 Choir! Interlink is an Intergenerational choir that unites the Grade 2/3 class from Holy Rosary School with seniors for one school year. **Seniors rehearse alternate Wednesdays on the Lower Level at 1:30 - 2:45pm** at The Richmond Retirement Residence. Introductory Rehearsal: Wednesday, October 2nd. There are no "auditions"! All interested seniors are very welcome! Information: Call Marg: 613-966-1546.

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association has launched a new online campaign to promote **Catholic Education in Ontario**. Called *Together in Faith*, the goal of the campaign is to build a vibrant online community of supporters of Catholic education, and share the stories of the exceptional students, teachers, and other members of our Catholic community who are demonstrating excellence throughout our Catholic schools. The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board is pleased to support this online campaign and celebrate the excellence of Catholic education in our communities. More info at www.togetherinfaith.ca.

The Archdiocese is partnering with **Newman Theological College** in Edmonton to offer online faith formation courses in a Certificate in Catholic Studies. Registration Cost per course is \$85.00. Students may register completely online at <http://www.newman.edu/CCS>. Please see their website for further details and FAQ's. For more information please contact or call Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms at the Diocesan centre 613-548-4461 Ext 115.

Organ Scholarships Available for Parish Musicians - The Royal Canadian College of Organists-Kingston Centre offers scholarships for talented pianists of all ages who would like to be introduced to, or/ and develop their playing skills on the pipe organ. Scholarships provide 10 hours of free organ lessons with a qualified instructor. The Kingston Centre receives financial support for these scholarships from the National RCCO office, local individuals and churches, and raises funds by sponsoring centre events. Each student has the opportunity to play in the student concert in late-winter and is invited to attend all local RCCO events. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kingston is sponsoring one these scholarships and encouraged you to apply. The application deadline is March 31. Auditions will be held for qualified applicants in April. Application forms and more information at www.rcco-kingston.ca or contact scholarships@rcco-kingston.ca or call the Liturgy Office at 613-548-4461.



Young people in grades 4 to 7 who are interested in joining the **Quinte Children's Choir**, since 1986 the training choir of the renowned **Quinte Youth Chorale**, are invited to audition for the 2018 season at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Belleville. For more information or to schedule an audition call Rudolf Heijdens at 613-962-0920 or e-mail rudolf.heijdens@sympatico.ca



Did you know . . . Hospice Quinte is focused on improving the quality of life for those with a life threatening or life limiting illness? They will place trained volunteers to provide much needed respite for caregivers, offering peace of mind when they need to attend to tasks outside of home. A volunteer can provide practical assistance with meal preparation & light housekeeping; companionship; offering to read, play cards, share conversation, emotional support for patient & family. The volunteer will visit wherever the patient may be, home, hospital, LTC, or retirement residence. Services are free of charge & available throughout the course of the person's illness, not just at end of life. More info: Jan MacInnes, 613-966-6610 x 223, or janmacinnes@hospice-quinte.ca I am pleased to let you know that on October 1, we are relocating to a space more suitable for our program needs. Our new location is 2-470 Dundas Street East in Belleville, in the Bayview Mall. Our phone number remains the same at 613-966-6610 and our primary email address is also still the same; we.care@hospice-quinte.ca This new location will provide our clients with more convenient parking as well as a space for support groups and meetings.



Parish Contacts

Parish Secretary	Kathleen Henry	968-9950
Parish Council	Maureen McNamara	maureenmcnamara99@gmail.com
Junior Liturgy	Lise De'Araujo	966-6973
CWL	Mary McNulty	962-2993
Grand Knight 16308	Wayne Brown	grandknight16308@gmail.com
Deputy Grand Knight 16308	Curtis Hayes	cbear_13@hotmail.com
Squires	Peter Matwyuk	885-7648
Franciscans	Deacon Bill Garland	966-4015
Senior Choir	Debbie Shaw	962-7430
Youth Choir	Lynette Thibeau	967-2483
Ascension Singers	Elizabeth Wallace	968-9950



Invitation to Serve

Card Parties - Once a month on the third Sunday of the month for fun and social purposes.

Catholic Women's League - monthly meetings on the third Thursday, contact the Parish office.

Knights of Columbus - Second Tuesday of the month. Contact Roy Goodridge.

Hospitality Sunday - After Masses on the last Sunday of the month.

Junior Liturgy - Sundays, 9am Mass during the school season, September to June. Co-ordinator: Lise De-Araujo.

Rosary - Before Saturday, 5pm Mass in May and October.

Parish Visitation Program - Visits to parishioners. Contact the parish office.

Prayer Network - Every day 90 people pray for you and special intentions. Contact Maureen Hamilton.

St. Vincent de Paul - (613)962-8675.

Ascension Singers - Saturday Mass, once a month. Contact: Elizabeth Wallace.

Senior Choir - Sunday Mass at 10:30am. Practice every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Director: Debbie Shaw.

Youth Choir - 9am Mass once each month. Practice every Sunday at 6:30pm. Director: Lynette Thibeau.



Invitation to Minister at Mass

Altar Servers - Weekends: Youth after their First Communion can volunteer. Contact: Deacon Bill. Weekdays - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Funerals - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Eucharistic Ministers - Lay Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist to the congregation during Masses on weekends and weekdays.

Monthly schedules are provided. Call the parish office to get your name on the roster.

Offertory Gifts - Volunteers carry the gifts to the altar. Monthly schedules are followed.

Lectors - Parishioners proclaim the readings. Monthly schedules are provided.

Junior Liturgy - Younger children are welcome to join the weekly celebration with a Gospel message for them. Also, adult volunteers are needed to lead children's liturgy.

Music - Parishioners of all ages are welcome to participate in sharing their musical talents. There are various choirs open to different age groups. Practices are held weekly.

Ushers - Responsible for finding seats for parishioners and taking up the collection at weekend Masses.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above ministries, call the parish office to inquire how you can serve at Mass!

